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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 404X) The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe
Railway Company Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption--in Webster County,
NE

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments to abandon an approximately 9.28-mile line of railroad between BNSF milepost 87.02, near Blue Hill, and milepost 96.30, near Bladen, in Webster County, NE. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 68928 and 68930.

On November 16, 2004, BNSF filed a request to extend, until December 6, 2005, the time to file its notice of consummation. The Board granted this request.

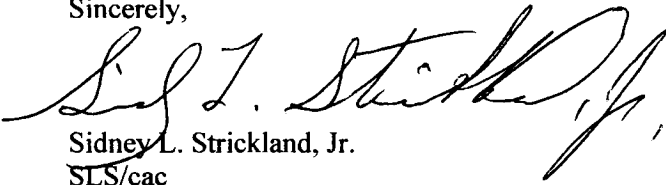
This line is still being salvaged at this time. Due to the upcoming winter months, BNSF is requesting to extend the consummation date until June 1, 2006, to allow time to complete the salvage.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 295-4024.

Sincerely,


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